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qualities

Weymouth

Monday. June 1st
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Dear Mr May,

I regret extremely
that I cannot come
to the Board Meeting
but I have some
engagements there.
I cannot go to June.

Were I present, I
should vote against
the Society holding

50 conventions during
the year. I think it
very well to celebrate
the 4th of July & the
1st of August as usual
but otherwise, I should
hold no meetings till
the next Annual one,
unless the course of
public events very
plainly indicated it.
I know a great
many of the A. S. friends
differ from me,

8) That action had
better be taken in
company with the
rest of the community.
Let the Abolitionists
fight & vote just
as other people do, &
in this way they
will exert more influ-
ence than if they re-
mained a people apart,
a sort of debating society
as it were.

Miss Dr. Benson, for
instance, labours more

effectively than if
she worked as an
A. S. Agent.

The A. S. work is going
on about as fast as
it can. All that is
necessary for us to do
as Abolitionists - merely
is to keep up our
outside forms, that they
may be all ready to
be filled with vitality
in case the emergency
arises. - It seems to
me too that it would

be very difficult to
get money enough
to hold these conventions.
For myself, I have
much rather pay
soldiers than speakers,
& if I feel so how
much more Society
generally.

I shall be in town
for a week, counting
from Wednesday the
3^d. I shall be with
Mr. Loring in Dorr
St. till Saturday night.

& after that for 3 or
4 days with Mrs. Tudor
at the corner of 7th St.
I mention this, hoping
that you will find
time to come & see
me & then I can talk
with you, as my eyes
permit me little
writing. I am grateful
to you very truly on your
son's success.

Believe me
very affectionately
Anne Weston

but I really think
the A. S. Societies as
such, have nearly
done their work. The
whole subject has
jumped from the realm
of ideas, in which we
have been most
triumphantly & gloriously
contending, into
the region of very
material fact, & the
work of the Abolitionists.

can mix themselves
up with the rest of
the community the
better. With some half
dozen exceptions, they
are probably all ready
to vote and act in
political life. There
certainly is a time to
talk, & the last 25
years has been that
time, & we have well
improved it, but now
is the hour for action